

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters \(51-2041\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers \(47-2171\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 54

**Focus Occupation:** Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters (51-2041)  
**Associated Occupation:** Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers (47-2171)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Building and Construction	4.0	16.9	6.9	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Mechanical	6.8	9.1	8.6	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 71

**Focus Occupation:** Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters (51-2041)  
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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation and Control	5.4	8.2	5.9	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Equipment Selection	3.3	5.6	2.5	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Repairing	3.4	5.2	1.7	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 67

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Static Strength	5.0	12.9	8.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Extent Flexibility	4.8	12.5	6.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Trunk Strength	5.7	12.2	9.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Multilimb Coordination	6.0	11.8	7.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Manual Dexterity	6.5	11.2	9.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Reaction Time	4.8	10.2	6.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Stamina	4.0	9.7	3.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Equilibrium	3.2	9.0	4.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Dynamic Strength	3.5	8.8	4.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	8.5	4.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Limb Movement	3.2	8.0	4.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92

**Focus Occupation: Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters (51-2041)**  
**Associated Occupation: Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers (47-2171)**

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Adhere to safety procedures	12
Build or repair structures in construction, repair, or manufacturing setting	54
Climb ladders, scaffolding, or utility or telephone poles	56
Erect scaffold	56
Fabricate, assemble, or disassemble manufactured products by hand	11
Identify base metals for welding	68
Identify properties of metals for repair or fabrication activities	71
Move or fit heavy objects	8
Perform safety inspections in construction or resource extraction setting	46
Read blueprints	10
Read technical drawings	7
Read work order, instructions, formulas, or processing charts	9
Stretch, bend, straighten, shape, pound, or press metal or plastic	84
Understand construction specifications	53
Use acetylene welding/cutting torch	54

Use hand or power tools	2
Weld together metal parts, components, or structures	54

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 66

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**Associated Occupation: Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers (47-2171)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Cutting and crimping and punching tools	3
Forming tools	2
Holding and clamping tools	3
Ladders and scaffolding	6
Lifting equipment and accessories	3
Machine tools	7
Machinery for working wood and stone and ceramic and the like	12
Power tools	2
Prying and bending tools	10
Soldering and brazing and welding machinery and supplies	6
Wrenches and drivers	2

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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